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# THE LOG CABIN



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Dedicated at Magnolia, Iowa, to the  
Pioneers of Harrison County

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Magnolia, Secretary of the Old Settlers Association, for most of the data in this little booklet. He was the originator of idea for the Log Cabin, as a memorial to the pioneers and for a museum for the relics which have been given to make this exhibit a valuable one in a historical way.

We are grateful to Mr. Fyrondo for his work in this connection, for his willingness to secure and supply on request all possible material to make this booklet a creditable history of the pioneers of



### HISTORY OF THE LOG CABIN

This log cabin, erected in Magnolia Park, was built in May June and July, 1926, in memory of and as a memorial to the splendid pioneers and early settlers of Harrison county.

In February, Mr. Alma Fyrnado, who for 33 years has been secretary of the Old Settlers Association and for sixteen years secretary of the Harrison county Historical Society, conceived the idea of the log cabin and called in council Mr. Almor Stern, Mr. Horace H. McKenney, Mr. F. H. Cadwell, Mrs. W. C. Dewell and others, who all gave their hearty approval and have given continuous aid and effort to the project.

Logs were called for from pioneer families. On May 20th a log rolling and measuring was had, preparatory to work of erecting the building. From that date active work was done until its completion July 16, 1926.

Among the workers who gave much time and valued aid in the construction were Almor Stern, H. H. McKenney and F. H. Cadwell of Logan, H. H. Wade, E. S. Scales, W. A. Kilts, L. D. Brown, F. H. Bedsaul, J. W. Kilts and C. E. Johnson of Magnolia, and D. N. Hardy of Missouri Valley. Other good helpers were George Weed and Dr. E. T. Giddings of Missouri Valley, Charles McKenney, Fred Colton, Alva Herring, W. H. Case, Emanuel Melford, H. J. Knauss, Dr. F. B. Copeland, W. H. Colton, Ed G. Cowan, James E. Cox of Logan, Ed Said, A. M. Palmer, John Moore, Isaac Depue, John Nelk, R. A. Johnson of Magnolia, and James M. Maule and sons of Raglan township.

The ladies of Magnolia were valiant in furnishing food for the workers. Earl Lough did trucking and Everett Kilts did also.

Magnolia's mayor C. E. Johnson, from start to finish, gave excellent service and work in the cabin construction.

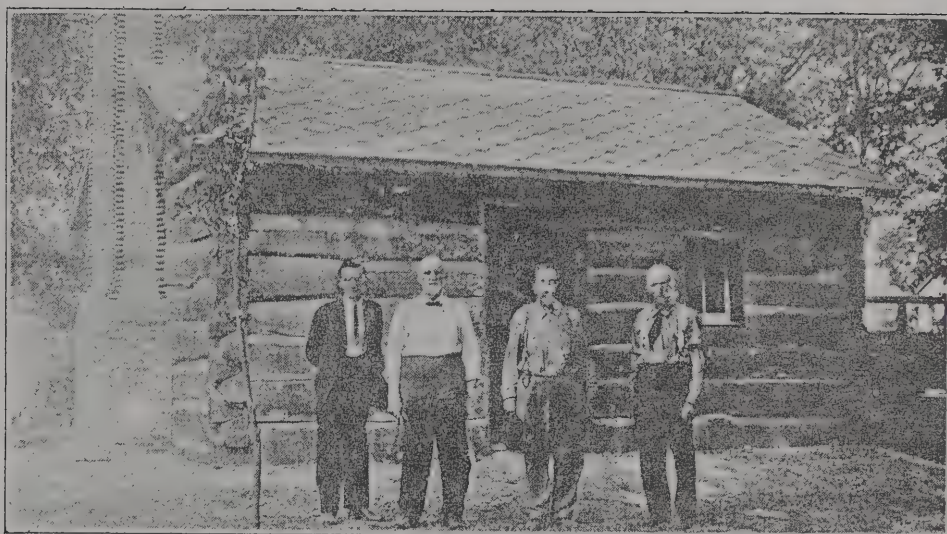
Horace McKenney, age 81, and who has lived 75 years in Harrison county, worked some ten days at the cabin and also planned and worked at home.

E. S. Scales and H. H. Wade were untiring, willing workers and put in much time and good labor. Mr. Wade worked from start to finish.

Almor Stern, in plans, visits and labor, was an ever present helper.

D. N. Hardy was an efficient worker, both on building and in raising funds.





A. M. Fyrando, Almor Stern, L. D. Brown, H. H. McKenney  
Four of the workers on this cabin.



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### THOSE WHO SOLICITED FUNDS

D. N. Hardy, Missouri Valley.  
 F. H. Cadwell, Logan.  
 H. A. Maule, Raglan, township.  
 Mrs. Roy W. Miller and Mrs. Walter Cook, Pisgah.  
 A. M. Fyrando, Magnolia, by general correspondence.  
 L. W. White, Woodbine.

The money contributed came from the communities named above.

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### DONATIONS OTHER THAN OF FUNDS

L. J. Freymuller of Magnolia, donated brick for the fireplace, and the west door of the cabin. The brick and the door were taken from the old Magnolia High School building—the first in the county.

Horace H. McKenney of Lagrange township and Chas. McKenney of Logan made the east door, which is of purely pioneer type, with latch string and wooden hinges.

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### LOGS WERE CONTRIBUTED IN MEMORY OF, OR BY

Arthur, William, and Family, came to Harrison county in	1857
By Theron Arthur, a grandson.	
Adams, A. M., and Family, came to the county in	1854
By Mrs. A. M. Adams, L. W., T. M., W. R., and R. E. Adams	
Bedsaul, Isaac, and Family, came to the county in	1863
By three sons, Frank H., L. H. and O. P. Bedsaul.	
Beaman, Bryant, and Family, came to the county in	1864
By Emmett Beaman.	
Bolter, Lemuel R., and Family, came to the county in	1863
By son C. A. Bolter.	
Cadwell, Phineas, and Family, came to the county in	1854
By son, F. H. Cadwell	
Cutler, Collins I., and Family, came to the county in	1853
By grandsons, Chas. I. and Henry.	
Divelbess, B. A., came to the county in	1853
By son, Fred Divelbess.	
Doyle, Michael, came to the county in	1855
By three sons and two daughters.	
Ferguson, William	1866
By Susie Ferguson Cody	



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Geith, Fred, came to county in By son, R. E. Geith.	1867
Harvey, A. L., came to the county in By son, C. A. Harvey.	1857
Hull, Hannah E., came to the county in By daughter, Lydia Hull Divelbess.	1853
Hardy, James, came to the county in By sons and grandsons.	1853
Hardy, D. N., came to this county in By D. N. and Flora.	1853
Hanneman, Henry, Sr., came to this county in By John and Henry.	1855
Johnson, Andrew By C. E. and R. A. Johnson and Mollie McKinney.	1881
Knauss, Henry By H. J. Knauss	1855
Lenz, J. D. By J. D. and son Reuben.	1866
Longman, A., and Family By Fannie I. Longman.	1853
Mefford, George and Family By Emanuel Mefford	1850
Mahoney, Stephen By grandson, Alfred.	1852
Merchant, Lucius By son, Milton Merchant.	1851
Merchant, Amasa L. By himself.	1851
Main, George By sons, George H. and Wm. A. and Harry Tensmeyer	1856
Maule, Donald By sons.	1851
Maule, James M. By himself.	1851
Motz, Jerry By Jackson Motz	1853
Niece, George By John Niece and Mrs. James Benson.	1857
Oviatt, Marshall and Horatio Mrs. Hattie Oviatt Walker.	1857



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Patton, C. M.	1857
By son, A. N. Patton.	
Peckenpaugh, A. P.	1854
Stern, Jacob T.	1857
By son, Almor.	
Seeley, Jerome	1858
By sons.	
Stocker, John W.	1857
Shupe, P. R.	1851
By Mrs. Edgar Ramsey.	
Teeter, Isaac	1855
By Erastus Teeter.	
Vanderhoof, Jacob	1854
By Chloe Vanderhoof Haskins.	
Walker, Wells F.	1857
By sons and daughters.	
Wheelock, Charles	1866
By daughter, Miranda Edwards.	
Weed, George	1869

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## CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

By request of the contributors the amounts are not given.

Anderson, L. C. Council Bluffs	Brundidge & Hardy, Missouri
Adams, Mrs. Byron C., Logan	Valley
Adams, Arthur H., Jasper, Minn.	Burke, W. J., Missouri Valley
Arnold, J. C., Magnolia	Bradley, W. H., Missouri Valley
Arbaugh, Chas. W., Magnolia	Brown, Fred and Anna,
Alexander, Marion, Mondamin	Missouri Valley
Anderson, D. G. Mondamin,	Brosnan, John, Missouri Valley
Alexander, G. E., Mondamin	Barrett, J. B., Missouri Valley
Alexander, O. S., Mondamin	Bertleson, James, Missouri Valley
Athey, John and Roscoe.	Brown, Henry, Missouri Valley
Missouri Valley	Brown, Grove, Missouri Valley
Adams, E. C., Missouri Valley	Bond, C. L., Missouri Valley
	Bradley, Ed D., Missouri Valley
Brainard, Dean E., Wayne, Nebr.	Brundige, J. G., Missouri Valley
Benson, Charles, Los Angeles,	Blunt, J. R., Missouri Valley
California	Blunt, J. Q., Missouri Valley
Boustead, J. H. L., Woodbine	Blunt, U. G., Missouri Valley
Beaman, Emmett, Mondamin	Brown, John, Logan
Block, Emil, Mondamin	Block, Fred, Magnolia



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| Banks, Dr. E. H., Magnolia  | Dale, Claire, Logan  |
| Brown, L. D., Magnolia  | Daugherty, J. M., Missouri Valley                                    |
| Beedle, Mrs. A., Logan  | Donnelson, Frank, Missouri Valley                                    |
| Boies, Edward A., and wife, by son Harry E. Boies, San Francisco, California. | Deviney, O. J., Missouri Valley                                      |
| Blackman, Stephen M., Denver, Colorado.                                       | Douglass, Wm. J., Missouri Valley                                    |
|   | Doty, Oscar, Missouri Valley   |
|   | Deur, C. H., Missouri Valley   |
| Cutler, Dr. C. E., Magnolia   | DeCou, S. R., Woodbine   |
| Cook, Minnie Cobb., Pisgah  | Daskovsky, M., Mondamin  |
| Clark, Lucian, Pisgah   | Doyle, Harriett, Logan   |
| Coughlin, Matt, Pisgah  | Doyle, Nellie L., Logan  |
| Chambers, D. R., Magnolia   | DeLong, Rev. Henry, age 92, Council Bluffs                           |
| Chambers, Mrs. Josephine E., Magnolia   |  |
| Canty, Wm., Logan   | Edgecomb, A., Missouri Valley  |
| Cox, James, E., Logan   | Epperson, W. J., Missouri Valley                                     |
| Cutler, Albert, I., Tacoma, Wash.   | Erixon, Louis, Mondamin  |
| Cadwell, Edgar F., Logan  | Ellis, Samuel, in memory of, by daughter, Carrie Ellis, Little Sioux |
| Cox, S. E., Dunlap  |  |
| Coe, Geo. W., Woodbine  | Fyrando, Alma M., Magnolia   |
| Clark, Seward, Woodbine   | Fyrando, Mrs. Harriet Irene, Magnolia                                |
| Cole, Dr. E. J., Woodbine   | Faith, H. T., Missouri Valley  |
| Clark, Mrs. Mary Matter, Woodbine   | Fitzgibbon, M. J., Missouri Valley                                   |
| Coffman, Elmer, Mondamin  | Farquhar, Matie, Missouri Valley                                     |
| Coffman, Wm. P., Mondamin   | Frazier, H. N., and wife, Council Bluffs                             |
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| Conyers, John, Missouri Valley  | Freymuller, J. W., Magnolia  |
| Cooper, Mrs. O. A., Missouri Valley   | Foss, H. T., Missouri Valley   |
| Clinkenbeard, John F., Missouri Valley  | Foote, W. W., Missouri Valley  |
| Colver, George L., Missouri Valley  |  |
| Cramer, H. M., Missouri Valley  | Giddings, Dr. E. T., Missouri Valley                                 |
| Cullivan, Mr. and Mrs. H. J., Missouri Valley                                 |  |
| Carpenter, F. J., and wife (Nellie South), Missouri Valley                    | Ganzhorn, Wm., Woodbine  |
| Case, Mrs. J. T., Logan   | Goodwin, Frank, Missouri Valley                                      |
| Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Rob't F., Pinckneyville, Illinois                         | Gilmore, T. M., Missouri Valley                                      |
| Cox, Sol J., Woodbine   | Gamble, H. W., Missouri Valley                                       |
|   | Gill, Ed., Missouri Valley   |
|   | Greene, Roy A., Missouri Valley                                      |
|   | Gilkerson, W. B., and wife, Magnolia                                 |
| Doyle, C. Ed., Hamburg, Iowa  | Geith, Geo. S., Magnolia   |



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Harshbarger, C. C., Onawa	Kilts, J. C., Magnolia
Hewitt, G. B., Woodbine	Kersten, E. A., Magnolia
Hardy, Clay, Mondamin	Kruger, Herman, Magnolia
Harvey, Robert and Frank, Missouri Valley	Lee, A. H., Pisgah
Haldeman, Geo., Missouri Valley	Lawrence, Mrs. Jennie (Morris) Magnolia
Heath, F. A., Missouri Valley	Lenz, R. J., Logan
Harder, C. L., Missouri Valley	Loss, Bert, Logan
Hardy, Ray D., Missouri Valley	Lewis, B. L., Missouri Valley
Hills, R. C., Missouri Valley	Lahman, R. C., Missouri Valley
Habicht & Bucholz, Missouri Valley	Larrison, C. H., Mandamin
Heterick, J. A., Logan	Leach, Mr. and Mrs. J. H., Lorton, Nebraska
Hammit, S. R., Logan	Lawrence, Mrs. Henry M., Santa Monica, California
Harvey, Geo. H., Logan	Lawrence, Will H., Santa Monica, California
Huber, C. R., Logan	Mincey, Mrs. C. E., Woodbine
Huff, Granville, Little Sioux	Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W., Pisgah
Hanneman, J. H., Logan	Mintun, G. M., Modale
Hanson, Dr. F. H., Magnolia	Maule, David H., Ogden, Utah
Herman, William, Magnolia	Milliman, J. C., and wife, Santa Monica, California
Hushaw, W. E., Woodbine	Madison, Mrs. Sarah E., Lakin, Kansas
Haufl, C. C., Merrill	Mann, J. E., Woodbine
Hopkins, G. T., and wife, (Hattie Hefford), Missouri Valley	Motz, Geo. W., Modale
Haufl, Daniel H., Hinton	Maule, H. A., Mondamin
Holden, Roy S., Chicago, Ill.	Maule, J. D., Mondamin
Hardy, Dell, Everson, Wash.	Metcalf, E. C. Mondamin
Jones, J. E., Missouri Valley	Morrow, M. P. Mondamin
Jones, W. Allen, Missouri Valley	Moorhead, B. W., Missouri Valley
Jones, Elder, Wm., Missouri Valley	Martin, H. H., Missouri Valley
Jones, H. E., Missouri Valley	Murray, J. A., Logan
Johnson, Ralph, Logan	Myers, C. H., Logan
Johnson, W. H., Logan	Motz, Frank, Logan
Keith, W. B., and Fannie, Council Bluffs	Milliman, W. R., Logan
Kay, J. E., Mondamin	Maaske, W. F., Magnolia
Kellogg, C. W., Missouri Valley	Mether, August, Magnolia
Keeney, Dwight F., Missouri Valley	Maaske, F. G., Magnolia
Kennedy, Will J., and Nelle, Missouri Valley	Michael, J. C., Magnolia
	Mintun, George, Magnolia

- Mether, H. J., Magnolia  
 Morris, Minnie, Magnolia  
 Maaske, H. A., Magnolia  
 Main, Rev. W. A., Shanghai, China  
 Mills, B. R., Woodbine  
  
 McGavern, S. C., Persia  
 McCabe, F. H., Logan  
 McKinney, J. N., Woodbine  
 McCabe, P. M., Mondamin  
 McCarthy, J. D., Missouri Valley  
 McQueen, W. E., Missouri Valley  
 McGavren, E. O., Missouri Valley  
 McEvoy, R. D., Missouri Valley  
 McGavren, Mrs. S. K., Missouri Valley  
 McCoid, Geo. W., Logan  
 McGavren, Dr. Rob't and wife, by son H. S. McGavren, San Francisco, California  
  
 Noy, Mr. and Mrs. J. L., Council Bluffs  
 Niles, W. O., Mondamin  
 Nelson, John, Missouri Valley  
 Nelk, John, Magnolia  
 Norris, H. W., Woodbine  
  
 Oviatt, F. C., Woodbine  
 Oviatt, Frederic H., Woodbine  
 O'Connor, Dr. W. E., son Billie and sister, Madge, Omaha  
 O'Connor, George H., Missouri Valley  
 Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Elias, Logan  
 Oviatt, Mr. and Mrs. A. N., Magnolia  
 Olson, Hans, Magnolia  
 Oviatt, F. W., and wife (Juliette Blackman), Missouri Valley  
 Patterson, Minnie, Persia  
  
 Pierce, G. W., Mondamin  
 Parsons, Chas., Missouri Valley  
 Peterson, W. S., Missouri Valley  
 Ploth, W. J., Magnolia  
 Porter, Jos. F., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Porter, Wm. E., Kansas City, Mo.  
 Plath, Wm., Magnolia  
 Plath, Herman, Magnolia  
  
 Quist, P. J., Missouri Valley  
  
 Rice, Mary E., Los Angeles, California  
 Rice, Dr. Newton J., and wife, Pomona, California  
 Reed, M. A., Woodbine  
 Rippey, Lee, Mondamin  
 Remington, D. M., Mondamin  
 Roden, W. T., Missouri Valley  
 Rodabeck, E. M., Missouri Valley  
 Reel, W. L., Missouri Valley  
 Rainbow, H. J., Missouri Valley  
 Reed, J. W., Missouri Valley  
 Radtke, George, Magnolia  
 Radtke, Albert, and son, Magnolia  
 Reinhardt, F. W., Magnolia  
 Rice, Mrs. Susie, Chicago, Ill.  
  
 Shepard, Julia Vincent, Valentine, Nebraska  
 Stuart, Christie Gamet, Rimbey, Alberta, Canada  
 Stewart, Daniel A. (deceased), Magnolia  
 Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. (long deceased), paid by daughter, Mrs. F. M. Terry Little Sioux  
 Schwertley, Mrs. F. W., Missouri Valley  
 Sahn, Henry, Missouri Valley  
 Sarvey, F. B., Missouri Valley  
 Selvey, W. A., Missouri Valley  
 Starlin, B. C., Missouri Valley  
 Scebold, E. W., Missouri Valley



Schwertley, Katherine, Missouri Valley	Terry, Mr. and Mrs. F. M., Little Sioux
Spracklin, Mrs. L. J., Missouri Valley	Tuflly, John, Mondamin
Smith, Guy, Missouri Valley	Vanarsdol, Cornelius (deceased) Logan
Short, Andrew, Missouri Valley	Vanness, R. A., Orson
South, Christie, Missouri Valley	Vincent, L. J., Missouri Valley
Sullivan, J. J., Missouri Valley	
Suddick, G. E., Logan	
Schwartz, Chas. W., Logan	Willet, Mrs. L. D., Woodbine
Stoner, J. H., Logan	Wood, C. N., Logan
Scales, E. S., Magnolia	Wood, B. J., Logan
Stuart, J. D., Magnolia	Wood, Eliza A., Logan
Sehlke, Herman, Magnolia	Wood, Dr. Lucy, Logan
Sehlke, R. W., Magnolia	Wood, Wm. H., Logan
Said, Ed, Magnolia	White, L. W., Woodbine
Seabury, Fred H., Pisgah	Wood, I. C., and wife, Omaha
Skelton, W. D., Missouri Valley	Worth, M. J., Mondamin
	Wimer, J. H., Mondamin
Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W., (long deceased), by Mrs. H. J. Knauss	Worth, E. O., Mondamin
Tuflly, J. H., Magnolia	White, Clarence, Logan
Teague, James, Magnolia	Wakehouse, Wm., Pisgah
Thomas, L., Logan	
True, O. B., Missouri Valley	Young, John, Modale
Tamisiea, Drs. J. L. and H., Missouri Valley	Yeaman, W. L., Logan
	Yocom, Fred, Logan
Tierney, W. H., Missouri Valley	
Tamisiea, V. I., Missouri Valley	Zuver, J. G., and Ivy, Missouri Valley

### RELICS

Where they came from and by whom donated.

**Mantel for Fireplace** is from the Donald Maule log cabin and was donated by the Maule family.

**Andirons** are from the Isaac Bedsaul pioneer home. They were brought from Indiana and were put in place in the cabin here by Frank Bedsaul, a grandson.

**Four Poster Bed** is from the Donald Maule pioneer home, and was made farther back than the recollections of the Maule sons and daughters run. It was donated by the sons and daughters.

**Shovel and Tongs.** Brought by the McKenney family from Michigan in the early fifties. Donated by Horace H. McKenney.

**Crane.** This was made by a local blacksmith in the early days.

**Candle Snuffer.** Over 100 years old. Donated by W. H. Surber.

**Boot Jack with Spring.** Over 100 years old. Donated by Mrs. W. H. Surber.

**Poetical Geography.** Donated by Dr. R. V. Witter of Bayard, Nebraska.

**Stone Ax.** Plowed up by Eugene Selleck near Woodbine. Mr. Selleck was president of the Old Settlers Association for two years.

**Buffalo Horns and Skull.** Donated by the finder, Hazel Knauss. This is probably 100 years old.

**Latch String on Pioneer Door.** Donated by Mrs. Elsie Cutler Miller and son from Chicago.

**Tar Bucket.** Used 100 years ago. Donated by the Bedsaul family. These were carried on early lynch pin wagons and the tar was used to grease the spindles.

**Sugar Box.** Kept in the Hester family over 100 years. Donated by Mrs. O. F. Nelson of Mondamin.

**Door Lock.** Old style, extra large. Donated by H. B. Whitehouse of Omaha. It was used in the late forties on a jail in Kaneshville, now Council Bluffs.

**Powder Horn with Etching.** This was made in 1778. It was plowed up in Ohio, and brought to Harrison county in 1855 by David Selleck, and used by him in deer hunting. Donated by his daughter Mrs. Mary Matter Clark.

**Boot Jack.** Made by William Gilkerson more than 50 years ago. Donated by his son, W. B. Gilkerson.

**Jubilee—Church Music.** Hymns collected by Phineas Cadwell and Judge Jonas Chatburn. Printed by the Republican Printing office, probably about 1862. Donated by A. M. Fyrando.

**Picture of David Witter and Wife.** He came to Jeddo in the early days and practiced medicine in Woodbine and Council Bluffs.

**Flag.** Made at old St. John in 1861 by Mrs. Robert McGavren and neighbor ladies.

**Ox Yoke.** Brought to the county by the Hauff family, and donated by the sons and daughters of F. W. Hauff, Jr.

**Knife and Fork—Stag Handles.** In use since the year 1800. Donated by Mrs. W. C. Atwell of River Sioux.

**Boot Jack.** This works at either end. It was used in Germany and was brought to the United States many years ago. Donated by H. B. Whitehouse of Omaha.



**Three Piece Set.** Candle snuffer, tray and candle stick, of brass. Used in Vermont before being brought to Harrison county. Donated by Mrs. W. C. Atwell of River Sioux.

**Copper Kettle.** Brought from Sweden in 1868 by Mrs. Andrew Johnson. Donated by Robert A. Johnson.

**Candle Molds.** Used in the Gilkerson family. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilkerson.

**Candle Stick.** 200 years old. Brought from England. Donated by Mrs. Ella Wyatt Shundlemire.

**Lap Board.** Brought from Ohio in 1850 by Mrs. Robert McGavren. Donated by G. W. McGavren of Missouri Valley.

**Sabre or Sword.** Probably saw history in the Civil War. History not known.

**Splint, or Split Hickory Bark Bottom Chair.** Brought from Kentucky in 1850 by George Mefford. It served as a seat in a covered wagon. Donated by his family.

**Rolling Pin.** Hand made at Kanesville (now Council Bluffs), in 1847. Brought to Harrison county by Elizabeth Thorpe in 1854. Used here many years. Was taken to Oregon, but sent back to be used in the Log Cabin. Donated by Mrs. J. L. McKenney, Union, Oregon.

**Tray, Trinket or Jewel Box.** History same as above. Note the sewing with waxed thread. Donated by Mrs. J. L. McKenney, Union, Oregon.

**Blacking Pot.** Made in England. Donated by Mrs. J. L. McKenney, Union, Orego.

**Two Hickory Splint Brooms.** Made by Horace H. McKenney, Logan.

**Horse Shoe.** Over the east door. It has a history. A. M. Fyrando had it made in Missouri Valley in 1889, for his driving horse, Prince. This horse became well known, first as a trotter, then driven by Mrs. Anna Shultz, a temperance worker, then as Fyrando's "Gospel Horse" travelled many thousand miles. He was a wonderful driver.

**Dulcimer.** A musical instrument prior to the piano. Brought to Harrison county by George S. Bacon. Bought by the James Hardy family.

**Grain Cradle.** Formerly owned by Henry Reel. Donated by Dr. C. S. Kennedy.

**Flint Lock Musket.** 200 years old. Owned by five generations of the Adlum family. Loaned by D. J. Adlum, Missouri Valley.

**Mill Stone.** The east door step. This is from the old Hardy mill. Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Milt Merchant.

**Chair.** Made by J. B. Akers in Magnolia, in 1866, for the W. F. Walker family, and donated by the members of that family.

**Potato Masher.** Made in 1859. Presented by Ada Milliman Joyce.

**Chair.** Made by J. B. Akers in Magnolia, in 1866, and all from Harrison county wood. Donated by W. H. H. Wright, of Dunlap.

**Bowie Knife.** Found in Washington in 1890 by Horace McKenney and donated by him.

**Trundle Bed.** Made by D. N. Hardy of Missouri Valley. The idea was proposed by Mrs. W. C. Dewell.

**Picture of Daniel Brown.** Harrison County's first settler, and cabin builder. He came in April, 1847, and settled in Calhoun. Picture donated by Almor Stern, of Logan.

**Picture of Rev. and Mrs. H. D. King.** Minister of the Congregational church in Magnolia in 1858, 1859 and 1860.

**Gun, Cane Shape.** Dug up at Missouri Valley, 7 feet underground by William Bowers, Missouri Valley.

**Hoop Skirt.** Donated by Mrs. Ella Selleck of Woodbine.

**Hoop Skirt with Bustle.** Worn 50 years ago. Donated by Mrs. C. E. Cutler, Magnolia.

**Book.** Western Calculator, printed February 1, 1823. Presented by Susie Faith Tamisiea, Missouri Valley.

**Sausage Grinder of 1859.** Presented by E. M. Teeter.

**Two Bricks, and Picture of the Henry Garner Home,** built in 1865. Destroyed by fire in 1926.

**Ballot Box.** The first one used in Harrison county, in 1853, 1854 and 1855. It was brought to the county in 1852. It was presented to Mrs. James Hardy 100 years ago. Donated by the Hardy family.

**Mush Pot.** Used by the Indians. Donated by Chas. Goetsch, San Luis Obispo, California.

**Album.** Pictures of Harrison county pioneers arranged and presented by A. M. Fyrando.

**Spinning Wheel.** Donated by Mrs. Mary Sehlke, Magnolia.

**Oil Painting.** First Court House in Magnolia. Presented by Almor Stern, Logan.

**Log Chain.** Brought from Kentucky in 1850 by George Mefford.



**Linen Cloth.** Brought from Germany in 1854 by Mrs. J. D. Lenz.

**Linen Cloth.** Hand made, 150 years old. Donated by Matilda Ratloff.

**Muster Roll.** Co. C., 29th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Presented by Miss Maria Roberts, Ames, Iowa.

**New Silk Flag.** For patriotic occasions. Presented by Belden Relief Corps, No. 230, Missouri Valley.

**Large Painting of T. M. C. Logan.** By his daughter, Mrs. Sadie Macfarlane.

**Harrison County History.** Written by Capt. Joe H. Smith. Donated by Thad L. Smith.

**Sickle.** A very early type. Donated by the J. M. Maule family.

**Spanish Type Flint Lock.** About 18 inches long, thought to be 200 or 300 years old. Loaned by Hattie B. Swan, Missouri Valley.

**Colt's Navy Revolver.** Carried in the Civil War by A. N. Oviatt, 1862 to 1865.

**Boot Jack.** Made by N. Simonds from wood growing back of Magnolia high school, nearly 50 years ago.

**Mortar and Pestle.** In the Merchant family more than 100 years. Presented by Mrs. Jennie Geith.

**Early History of Council Bluffs.** By Henry DeLong, who is 92 years old.

**Hoop Skirt.** By Mrs. May Hitchcock, Mondamin.

**Prairie Chicker—Mounted.** This specimen is 32 years old. Presented by Mrs. Will L. Clark (nee Selleck) of Woodbine.

**Raccoon—Mounted.** This was mounted 32 years ago, and was a pet two years prior to that. Presented by Mrs. Chas. Atherton, Woodbine.

**Musket.** Very old, five feet long and weighs 15 pounds. Donated by James E. Cox, Logan.

**Rifle.** Very old. Dick Hall, owner.

**Sword.** Carried by Erastus Meech in the War of 1812. Also carried by him as aide de camp when Lafayette visited the United States in 1824. This sword was bought by Magnolia Lodge, A. F. & A. M. in 1861 of William Meech, and has been in the Magnolia lodge rooms 67 or 68 years.

### SENTIMENT AND HISTORY COMBINE

We claim much more for this cabin in historical interest and sentiment than attaches to any other such cabin known to us. It has sentimental and historical value beyond any that we know of. Every log, except three, was donated by pioneers or their descendants, who came to the county in the fifties. The brick in the fireplace and the west door are from the Magnolia High school, famed in its time, especially from 1869 to 1879.

Then the donations of relics from far and near, all of these relics having been used at some time in the building of our county.

The builders of the cabin, had among them Horace H. and Charles McKenney, Almor Stern, Drusius N. Hardy, James M. Maule, W. H. Case, F. H. Cadwell, E. Mefford, Frank Bedsaul, Dr. F. B. Copeland and others, all representative of Harrison county's earliest settlers.

Replica of the old time puncheon floor is found on each side of the fireplace, which is one from one of the oldest houses in the county. On one side of the fireplace the puncheons are made of cottonwood from the Missouri river bottom, on the other they are of bass or linn wood from Elk grove.

The builders worked with the idea of making the cabin a secure place in which to keep the records. The building itself is to stand for years as a monument to the pioneers. That is the reason for the cement floor and chinking between the logs and the asbestos shingles.

The dedication was held Thursday, August 26, 1926, at the Forty-second annual meeting of the Old Settlers Association.

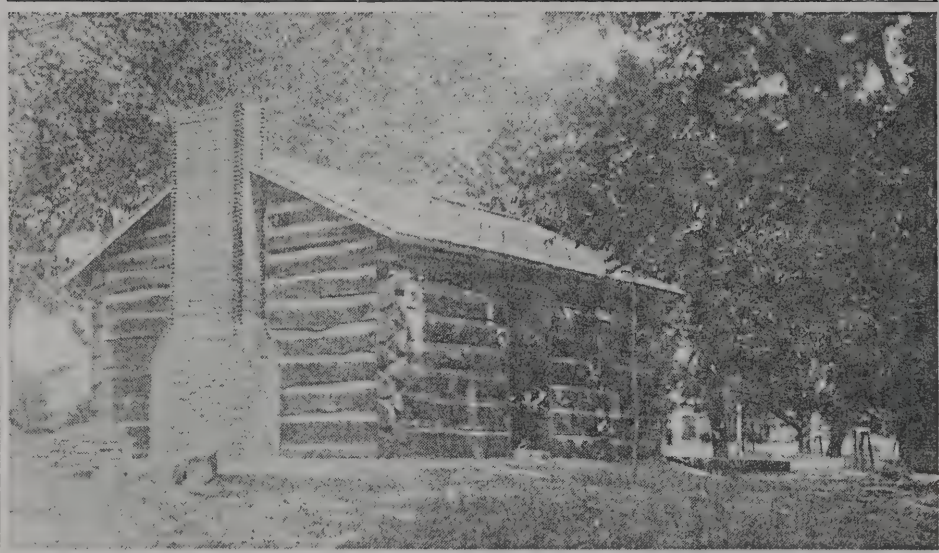
About 310 persons made cash contributions to the amount of \$670. This was a fine average as many of the donations were one dollar, and of the 310 both husband and wife in some families contributed and were counted. The expenditures to date, with bills not yet presented, leave about \$100 on hand.

The purpose is to make it a Harrison county memorial to its pioneers under a committee of the Harrison County Historical Society, with a director from each township.

The cabin is open to visitors Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, with H. H. Wade and daughter, Ruth, custodians; A. M. Fy-rando, secretary-treasurer and custodian.

The first visitor to register was James C. Crabb, age 93, and a pioneer of the county.





## THE LOG CABIN

Made possible by the contribution of funds and labor in  
memory of the pioneers of Harrison County.

### FIRST SETTLERS IN HARRISON COUNTY

Daniel Brown was the first white settler. He came to Calhoun in April, 1847. He lies buried in Calhoun cemetery in an unmarked but not unknown grave. Uriah Hawkins located in Six Mile Grove in July, 1847. Mary Johnson Greer, Amos Chase, John Harris, for whom Harris Grove was named, Silas D. Condit, John Reynolds, Susan P. Graybill, Ezra Vincent and George Thorpe are recorded as having come in 1848. Descendants of these are still residents of the county, unless it be the Hawkins and Condit families.

The first male white child was William Brown, born in 1847. The first female white child was Julia Vincent, now Mrs. Julia Vincent Shepard, Valentine, Nebraska, born in 1848. She was present at the Log Cabin dedication August 26, 1926, and with Amasa Merchant assisted in the unveiling of the Log Cabin exhibit.

A. W. Lockling, George Blackman, Lucius Merchant, Samuel Wood, and Robert McGavren came in 1850. Jonas Chatburn, John Jeffry, P. R. Shupe, George Musgrave, Donald Maule, H. H. McKenney and parents, E. J. Moore and Chester Staley were among those who came in 1851.

First land was entered by purchase from United States government by Daniel Brown in 1852.

The first settler in Magnolia township was George Blackman, but he selected his land in 1849.

The first settler in Jefferson township was Jason Z. Hunt in 1850.

The first settler in Little Sioux township was Silas D. Condit in 1848.

The first settler in Boyer township was Charles Smith in 1850.

The first settler in Cass township was Uriah Hawkins, in 1847.

The first settler in Clay township was Amos Chase, in 1848.

The first settlers in Union township were Thomas Dobson, Riley Hough and "Uncle" Sammy Wood, 1849-1850.

The first settler in Allen township was David Imlay, his son-in-law, Samuel Spinks, coming in the same year, 1856.

The first settlers in St. John township were John Reynolds and others, locating in Tennessee hollow, probably in 1849. Robert McGavren in 1850.



Henry Hushaw located in Lincoln township in 1855 as its first settler.

Orville M. Allen came to Raglan township as its first settler in 1849. Allen creek was named for him.

John Harris, for whom Harris Grove was named, came to Lagrange township in 1848.

James Welch and Henry Olmstead were the first settlers in Harrison township in 1858.

Douglas township was first settled by a man named Pierce, and was followed by Matthew Hall, Thomas Binnell, George Mefford and others.

Robert Hall settled in Taylor township in 1853.

Washington township was first settled by Hugh Walker, followed by Isaac M. Atkins.

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### FIRST SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

Mrs. Jane Cunningham taught the first term of school in this county in 1849-1850 in a log cabin overlooking Calhoun.

Robert McGavren taught in 1850-51 in Tennessee Hollow, St. John township.

Judge King taught in 1852-1853, in Six Mile Grove, Cass township.

James B. McCurley taught in 1851-52 in Section 6, Union township.

The first district school was taught by Sylvia Harris, later Mrs. Ben LaPorte, at Elk Grove, in the fall of 1853.

The first district school building was erected in 1853, on the C. I. Cutler farm two miles south of Magnolia. F. B. Neeley was the first teacher.

The first Fourth of July celebration was held in Harris Grove in 1852. Judge King and L. D. Butler were the speakers.

The first county fair was held at Magnolia in 1858. Judge King and Phineas Cadwell ran a foot race.

The first attorney in the county was Dick Humphrey. He said he started as soon as there was anybody to practice on.

The first physician was Libbeus Coons of "Bog Hay" fame. This was a remedy for the "shakes or ager." The first regular physician was Dr. Robert McGavren.

The first post office was at Magnolia in 1853, with P. G. Cooper as postmaster.

The first saw mill was operated by Judge Jonas Chatburn and Stephen Mahoney. It was located on the Willow in Sec. 34, Magnolia township.

The first orchard was in Cass township, owned by Asher Servis.

The first newspaper in the county was edited by Isaac Parrish at Calhoun in 1858. It was soon moved to Magnolia by Captain Wm. M. Hill, who was the editor. This paper was called the Harrison County Flag. Later as the Magnolia Republican it was edited by George R. Brainard in 1859. A volume of 1859 is one of the relics in the Log Cabin.

The first session of the district court was held in May, 1855, with Judge S. H. Riddle presiding. The grand jury was made up of Creed Saunders, James Garnett, John Conger, Chester Staley, H. H. Lockling, T. Meadows, P. R. Shupe, Thos. Sellers, S. A. Lyman, Solomon Barnett, John Deal, J. H. Holton, Silas Rice and D. E. Brainard.

The first persons to take out naturalization papers were John Jeffrey and Thomas Thompson of Biglers Grove.

The first Harrison county man to enlist in the Civil War was Henry Clay Harshbarger.

William Hefford was the first man to be initiated into the Masonic lodge in this county, when he became a member of Magnolia lodge, No. 126, in 1858. This was the first lodge in the county.

The three first post offices were Magnolia, Calhoun and Fountainbleau, the latter being on what was later known as the Col. Cochran ranch north of Little Sioux.

The first marriage license was issued to John Jones and Elizabeth Outhouse, June 9, 1853, by County Judge Stephen King. August 10 the same year the same judge married Samuel McGavren and Mary Harden.

The first train of cars passed through the county over the Chicago & North Western in 1867.

In 1858 Magnolia was a stage center. One ran northeast by Butler's Mill (Woodbine), to Olmstead (Dunlap), to Galland's Grove thence to Adel in Dallas county. The other ran southwest to DeSoto, Nebraska, (near Blair). Jerome Seeley was at one time a driver on this route.



Harrison county was at one time a part of Keokuk county, and was separately organized March 7, 1853. A committee composed of Abraham Fletcher, Charles Wolcott and A. D. Jones of Fremont, Mills and Pottawattamie counties was appointed by the Fourth General Assembly of Iowa to locate a seat of justice in Harrison county and name it Magnolia, with the result as indicated by the "city on a hill," now 73 years young.

### FIRST ELECTION

Prior to 1853 a number of the citizens of this county walked to Council Bluffs to vote. Among these were William Dakan, W. B. Copeland and S. R. Condit. The first election was held in the county on the first Monday in April, 1853. The county for convenience was divided into two voting precincts. Those living west of the Boyer voting at Magnolia and those east of that stream voting at Owen Thorpe's in the Jeddo neighborhood. The election returns were carried to the Stephen King home on the east side. James Hardy and Thomas B. Neeley carried those of the west side. They undressed at the Boyer river and with the poll books held above their heads they swam the river. The result at this election was County Judge, Stephen King, Treasurer and Recorder, J. G. Cooper, Prosecuting Attorney, William Dakan, Sheriff, Chester Hamilton, Clerk of Courts, William Cooper, Surveyor, G. H. White. School Fund Commissioner, John Thompson.

The first county superintendent of schools was Joe H. Smith. Mrs. Byron C. Adams of Logan, holds a certificate issued by him.

Henry Olmstead was the president of the first Harrison county Fair which was held at Magnolia in 1858, in the old court house in Magnolia. John G. Downs was the secretary. Among the directors were Dr. J. S. Cole, J. H. Farnsworth, William Dakan, Henry Reel, Robert McGavren, Stephen Mahoney, Lucius Merchant, W. T. Raymond, John M. Raymond, Patrick Morrow, John Noyes, J. S. Fountain, Daniel Brown, W. S. Meech, H. M. Huff and others. Judge King and Byron C. Adams ran a foot race. Some of the premiums awarded were:—Best vegetables, Asher Servis; Best horse back rider, Mrs. Phineas Cadwell; Best braided straw hat, Mrs. Silas Rice, prize, 50c; Best pair of horses, Phineas Cadwell, \$3.00; Best stallion, Asher Servis, \$3.00; best pair of 2-year old steers, James Hardy, \$2.00; best plowing, Tom Chatburn, \$3.00; best seed corn, O. V. Brainard, \$1.00; best butter, Mrs. Phineas Cadwell, \$4.00; best cheese, G. M. Brown, \$1.00; best stockings, Mrs. H. M. Irish, 50c; best embroidery, Mrs. G. W. Harris. We imagine these fairs were the real thing and greatly enjoyed.

The first G. A. R. hall at Magnolia was dedicated in March. 1891.

The Latter Day Saints were the first to have a religious organization in the county, in 1849-50. The Methodist Episcopal church had a congregation in the county in 1851-52, under Rev. Tarkington. The Congregationalists came in 1852 and held services in Lagrange with Rev. Rice as preacher. The first Congregational church building in the county was erected in Magnolia in 1855, and still stands, but is used as a dwelling. Rev. John Todd of Tabor preached the dedicatory sermon. The Baptists came in 1858.

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### FIRST TOWNS PLATTED

The following towns or prospects were platted in the years named, as follows:—Magnolia and Calhoun, 1853; Little Sioux, 1855; Jeddo, 1856; St. John, 1857; Melrose, 1857; Cincinnati, 1857; Eldorado, 1857; Olmstead, 1857; Buena Vista, 1856; Parrish City, 1858; Woodbine, 1866; Missouri Valley, 1867; Dunlap, 1867; Logan, 1867; River Sioux, 1868; Mondamin, 1868; Modale, 1874; California Junction, 1880; Persia, 1882; Yorkshire, 1882; Pisgah, 1899; Orson, 1899; Fountainbleau, 1855.

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### FIRST OLD SETTLERS MEETING

The first meeting of "Old Settlers" was held at Magnolia, August 25, 1885. Hon. Phineas Cadwell was president. "Touch Me Gently, Time" was feelingly sung. Judge King and Judge Ford addressed the meeting. It was thought there were 1000 present.

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The early mills of the county were the Chatburn & Mahoney and the Hardy mills, also the Wakefield mill, all on Willow creek. The Dally & Butler mill on the Boyer, near Woodbine, Chase & Schofield at Little Sioux, the Peyton mill on the Soldier at Mt. Pisgah, the Theodore Mahoney mill on the lower Soldier, Dows mill east of Logan, famous for the buckwheat flour, and the McCoid mill on the Boyer. All were water power mills. L. D. Butler had a woolen mill near Woodbine at one time.

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Magnolia's first high school was started in 1869.

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### DEDICATION OF THE CABIN

This impressive and interesting ceremony was held in the forenoon, of Thursday, August 26, 1926, as preliminary to the program for Old Settlers day. The north end of the cabin was used as a background for some of the more interesting of the exhibits contained in the building. The motto "Dedicated in loving memory to our pioneers, with tender memories for the aged, for inspiration



and education for the youth." A sculptured head of Abraham Lincoln above the wording "From Log Cabin to White House" was one of the appropriate touches. There was a large picture of Daniel Brown, first settler. There were also pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Vincent, who came in 1848, and one of Newell Dwight Hillis, one of Harrison county's most noted sons, and a Magnolia boy. There was a roster with pictures of Magnolia's early Masonic lodge—the first in the county, and also a roster of Co. C of the 29th Iowa Volunteer infantry—Harrison county's own company in the Civil War.

When Mrs. Julia Vincent Shepard, first female white child born in Harrison county who was stationed at one side, and Amasa Merchant, one of the earliest settlers, at the other side, drew aside the curtains and exposed to the view of the assembled hundreds of people there was a hush of reverence, which told the sentiments of the beholders more eloquently than words could have done.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry DeLong of Council Bluffs, who preached in Magnolia in the early sixties. Mrs. S. K. McGavren and Mrs. L. D. Willett, the latter a sister of Newell Dwight Hillis each gave a short talk, and the Log Cabin and its contents became the property of all the people of Harrison county for all time.

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During the day 3273 people registered as having passed through the Cabin, and there were many others who did not register. A registry book was kept near the east entrance, where those who came before 1870 and their descendants registered their names with the dates of their coming. There were 213 families represented in this registration, but of course a good many people failed to register. There might have been some duplications, too.

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